

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, May 27, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President Don Campbell presiding. Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain. Journal of Yesterday read and approved.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Hertzberg presented a memorial of William H. Dangerfield, praying for an unconditional land certificate.

Read and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries :

COMMITTEE ROOM,
Austin, Texas, May 27, 1870.

Hon. DONALD CAMPBELL,

President State Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries have had the following bills under consideration, and do hereby return the same, recommending their passage :

Senate Bill No. 18, to incorporate the Dallas Bridge Company, introduced by Senator J. G. Bell.

Senate Bill No. 19, to incorporate the Cedar Creek Bridge Company, introduced by Senator J. G. Bell.

Senate Bill No. 124, to incorporate the Cuero Bridge Company, introduced by Senator Pridgen.

J. G. BELL,
Chairman of Committee.

Laid over under the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Internal Improvements report back Senate Bill No. 2, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Jefferson and Shreveport Railroad," and recommend its passage.

Also, Senate Bill No. 11, entitled "An Act for the relief of the Eastern Texas Railroad Company, and to authorize it to branch the same," and recommend the passage of the substitute marked Exhibit

"A," with amendment in 1st Section, 25th line, after the words said company, when not in conflict with the provisions of the present Constitution.

WEBSTER FLANAGAN,
Chairman.

Laid over under the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Austin, May 27, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your committee appointed to confer with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of fixing an uniform hour for the meeting of both houses, report, as the result of their conference, the accompanying resolution, and recommend its passage :

Resolved, That the Senate and House of Representatives meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the transaction of business.

FOUNTAIN,

Chairman Committee of Conference.

Report received and resolution adopted.

Senator Fountain introduced a resolution making an appropriation of three hundred and fifty-four dollars and seventeen cents (\$354 17) for the use of the horse and buggy of Dr. S. W. Baker, Superintendent of the Institution for educating the blind in Texas, being one hundred and twenty-five dollars a year from August 3d, A. D., 1867, to June 3d, A. D., 1870.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Senator Mills introduced a bill entitled "An Act to promote manufacturing and mining in Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Saylor introduced a bill entitled "An Act to constitute an inspector of cotton, wool and hides, and a public weigher at all the important ports, cities and railroad towns, within the limits of the State of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Hertzberg introduced a bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Germania Club of San Antonio, Texas."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By leave, Senator Parsons read report of committee appointed by the Senate to visit the State Fair at Houston.

On motion of Senator Ruby, report was received and committee discharged.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

To Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, having carefully examined and compared Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, "Resolution to pay to the wife of Colonel N. A. M. Dudley the amount of salary due for Colonel Dudley's services as Superintendent of the Penitentiary," and Senate Bill No. 51, "An Act providing for a geological survey of the State of Texas," find the same correctly engrossed.

G. T. RUBY,

E. L. DOHONEY,

P. W. HALL.

Communication from the House by the Chief Clerk, transmitting House Bill No. 88: A bill entitled "An Act to provide for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas."

Senator Fountain called to the attention of the Chair that the hour had arrived fixed for the special order of the day, and moved that the Senate immediately go into a committee of the whole to take up the special order.

Senator Flanagan moved that the special order of the day be postponed till Tuesday, at 12 M. Carried.

By leave, Senator Fountain introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it appears by the certificate of the Secretary of State, dated May 23, 1870, that J. M. Gibbs, sergeant-at-arms, has duly qualified as sheriff of Grimes county; and

Whereas, by virtue of section thirty, article third, of the constitution of this State, no judge of any court of law or equity, Secretary of State, Attorney General, sheriff, or collector, shall at the same time hold another office, agency, or appointment of trust or profit under this State; therefore

Resolved, That the office of sergeant-at-arms is hereby declared vacant.

On motion of Senator Mills, the action of the Senate on the resolution was fixed for Wednesday next at 12 M.

Senator Mills offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to acknowledge the complimentary invitation to attend the German Volksfest, at Houston, and to say that public duty prevents the Senate from accepting it; otherwise it would be participated in with great pleasure.

Senator Fountain moved that the rules be suspended to take up House bill No. 88, a bill entitled "An Act to provide for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas."

Rules suspended, and on further motion, the bill was made the special order for to-morrow at 11 A. M.

[General File.]

Senator Flanagan in the chair.

Senate bill No. 17, "An Act to incorporate the City Bank of Houston," read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Mills, Senate adjourned.